My Dad

I know this man
Who is dear to my heart.
Suddenly one day
It was torn all apart.

He gave me love
And touched my life.
It's all over now
He no longer has to fight.

He tried to teach me
Right from wrong
The day he left
I wasn't that strong.

He is gone now
It is hard to believe
This man is my dad
Who I will never see.

But I will see him again
This I know
The day will come
When it's time for me to go.

So, I'll hold him dear
And close to my heart
Cause the day we meet
I know we'll never be torn apart.

The Simons Family Acknowledgment

The family of the late Justin S. Simons wish to express their heartfelt gratitude for your kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy. Whether a call, card, text, flowers, food, words, prayers, or any simple kind of expression to console our hearts, we appreciate your kindness.

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Justin Steven Simons was born April 2, 1981 at Emory Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. He was the beloved son of the late Lamaris Simons-Gant. Justin passed away on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at his home.

Justina S. Simons was predeceased by his mother, LaMaris Simons

Although, he was not deeply spiritual, he knew who God was, and trusted in His word.

On December 3, 2014, Justin married his long-time sweetheart, Joanna Moore. This union was blessed with several years of love, happiness, and devotion.

Justin, lovingly known as “J” to family and friends, was a wonderful, loving, kind-hearted, and caring person. He had a vibrant spirit and always had a smile on his face. Those who knew him grew to love him as a husband, father, role model, and friend. He was a great artist, doing freestyle portraits and sketches throughout his life. He was also a dog lover, and nice cars. He took every opportunity to live each moment to the fullest. Most of all, he loved his late mother, affectionately known as “Happy”, and becoming a father to his namesake, Justina. Though he is no longer with us physically, his loving and kind spirit will forever live in the hearts and lives of all who loved and knew him.

Justina S. Simons was predeceased by her mother, LaMaris Simons-Gant, and uncle, Dwight S. Simons.

Those left to cherish his precious memories are his wife, Joanna M. Simons; daughter, Justina S. Simons; stepdaughters, Wonyae Garcia and Rockell Turner, all of Columbia, South Carolina; stepfather, Derrell Gant; mother-in-law, Eula Moore, and father-in-law, Joseph Moore; and brothers-in-law, Calvin and James (Tanya) Johnson, all of Columbia, South Carolina. He also leaves to mourn his passing, his uncles, Harold Michael (Louella) Simons of Augusta, Georgia and Lorenzo C. (Doreatha) Mills of Lake City, Florida; his aunts, Avondale Simons, Cecelie J. Simons, both of Columbia, South Carolina, and Kim W. Thomas of Hopkins, South Carolina; as well as many cousins, other loving family, and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Reflections of His Life

Justin Steven Simons

He was educated in Richland County (South Carolina) and Dekalb County (Georgia) school districts. While in school, he was very athletic, playing football and baseball for several private organizations in Atlanta. Justin worked as a tile assistant to the family business at Simons Tile Company, under the leadership of his late grandfather and uncle, as well as several fast-food locations within the Columbia area.

At an early age, Justin attended Gill Creek Baptist Church with his mother and grandfather, participating in several youth activities, including the Youth Choir. Although, he was not deeply spiritual, he knew who God was, and trusted in His word.

Order of Celebration

Reverend James C. Woodley, MDiv, Presiding

Prelude .................................................. “A Closer Walk with Thee”
Processional .................................................. Clergy and Family
Final Farewell to Our Beloved Justin .................. Bostick-Tompkins Staff
Hymn of Praise .................................................. “No Not One” Gill Creek Baptist Church Combined Choirs
Scripture Readings .................................................. Reverend Winkler
Prayer of Comfort .................................................. Reverend James C. Woodley, MDiv
Solo ................................................................. Janice Gore
Reflections (three minutes please) .................................. Hashime Wright
Solo ................................................................. Justina S. Simons
Recessional

Services of Commendation
Committal, Closing Prayer, Benediction & Interment

Greenlawn Memorial Park
845 Leesburg Road • Columbia, South Carolina